

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Year B Vol 1:- Page 132: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 94; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

Sunday 4th February: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Page 134: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23;

Mark 1:29-39

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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on

www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 9.30am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian Mass 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

A Lesson About Authority

Jesus, the Son of God, had all authority in the world - in the universe. God created all things through him, and put all things under him, so even the spirits that turned evil, though he allowed them to exist, were completely subject to him. (Colossians 1:16; Ephesians 1:20-21)

Here was a man who spoke with his own authority, not in the name of another. That alone was amazing. But, if that were not amazing enough, Jesus demonstrated his authority when he told an evil spirit what to do, and the evil spirit obeyed.

In our postmodern world, nobody can teach with true authority anymore, can they? We are taught from a young age to question authority, and not to trust everything we see or read. And this is with good reason! Because not everything that we see or read is true! Advertisers stretch the truth. Politicians twist the truth. And the news media all seem to share different versions of the truth. We have good reason to question authority, and any claim to the truth.

But here we are, with an old -fashioned reading that I think is more important than ever. Because in the midst of a world without any clear and certain truth, Jesus continues to offer a clear teaching, with clear authority. The eternal truths that we can trust and believe, even build our lives upon, and then, Jesus helps us to live these truths, by driving away anything that would prevent us from living as he teaches.

Jesus uses authority to serve, not to be served. And that is how he wants us to use whatever authority we might have, whether our authority is at home, at work or somewhere else, he wants us to use it to help others, not to feed into personal gluttony & greed.

What a difference it makes when the authority we are subject to is a blessing instead of a curse. "When the wicked rule, the people groan," says Proverbs 29:2. It is when authority is used to help, not to overpower, that those under it can rejoice.

Jesus doesn't overpower us to make us knuckle under. He serves us with patience and mercy, helping us grow, and see how much we need him. Sin is a cruel, harsh, manipulative, unforgiving taskmaster. Jesus is compassionate, gracious, patient, loving and merciful. The authority of sin is fraudulent, but the authority of Jesus is absolute.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Rolly

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

Group 2 meet on **Thursday 1st February** at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session will be on **Saturday 3rd February** at 3.15pm. .

WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

The next session will be on **Sunday 4th February** at 10.30am after the 9.30am Mass.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Please contact Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732.

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE

It is very important to contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732 as soon as possible if you are planning on getting married in the UK or abroad or if you would like your child baptised.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN THE PARISH

If you are unable to come to Church due to illness, or if anyone knows somebody who is ill or housebound or in hospital, please contact one of the priests or deacons and we can arrange a visit.

FIRST AID TRAINING

In compliance with Health & Safety guidelines, there will be a First Aid Training Course in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 17th February from 9am-4pm**. We need at least one volunteer from each Mass i.e. Saturday evening 5pm, Sunday 8am, 9.30am, 11am, Polish Mass 1pm, Ukrainian Mass, Malayalam Mass, Filipino Mass and African Mass to come forward to be trained as a First Aider and also be shown how to use the defibrillator. Please speak to Fr John, Deacon Rolly or Florie if you are able to help.

OLD PALM CROSSES

If you have any old palm crosses at home please bring them in so we can make ash to use on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

NURSERY CLASS CCP FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available for Nursery Class Certificate of Catholic Practice Form signing on the following dates.

Saturday 3 February – 9.00am – 10.00am

Saturday 17 February - 9.00am – 10.00am

Please put your name on the lists on the notice board in the church porch. There are **18** slots for each date. Please bring your child with you and all the forms you need and wait in Church including the Baptism Certificate. If you are unable to make these times please contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732.

SPECIAL MASS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The next Mass will be on **Sunday 4th February at 2.30pm** in the Parish Centre followed by a tea party. If you require a lift please call Fr John or Florie in the Parish Office

ANNUAL MASS FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate this Mass on **Saturday 10th February at 2.30pm** at Westminster Cathedral. If anyone wishes to go, please let Florie know as this is now by ticket system and we have to book the tickets for you. Tickets are in 3 categories: 1) wheelchair users who require anointing 2) Walking sick who require anointing 3) those assisting the sick but **DO NOT** require anointing.

RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Has four vacancies. Please visit their website

<https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2/>

HOME START – RICHMOND, KINGSTON, HOUNSLOW

Home Start offers one to one support for parents struggling with isolation, depression, divorce, domestic violence, bereavement, disability or a combination of factors that can affect their children's welfare. Please see notice board for more information or visit www.homestart-rkh.org.uk

EARLY RISERS AND TEDDS CLUB

Early Risers are looking for cover for one hour Monday to Friday in the morning and Tedds Club are looking for help with the After School Club Monday to Friday 3-6pm. Both positions are during term time only. If you are interested or to learn more please call Kate Prasad (Early Risers) on 07539 498952 and Sarah Allfree (Tedds Club) on 07971 994669

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27	11.00am 3.00pm 5.00pm 7.00pm	Ronald Henry RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Tagalog Peter & Fidelma O'Brien RIP Mass in Ukrainian
✱ Sun 28	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	Josie & Michael O'Keeffe RIP (First Anniversary) Michae McManus RIP Helen Abiegbe in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Mon 29	9.30am 10.30am	Deceased souls of our house RIP REQUIEM MASS – BABY RAPHAEL ANTAO RIP
Tues 30	9.30am 12.45pm	Rod & Margaret Moore-Saxton (Int) FUNERAL SERVICE - JANOS (JOHN) CSARANKO RIP
Wed 31	9.30am 10.30am	Ethan D'Souza – 1 st Birthday Thanksgiving REQUIEM MASS – BRDGET (BREDA) TERESA FOWLES RIP
Thurs 1 Feb	9.30am	Martin Gerard Ward RIP (Second Anniversary)
Fri 2	9.30am 11.00am	Francisco & Pasquela Fernandes RIP REQUIEM MASS – JENNIFER (JENNY) DEVEREUX RIP
Sat 3	11.00am 5.00pm	Eamon O'Brien RIP (Anniversary) Maurice Caulfield RIP (Anniversary)
✱ Sun 4	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Rosemarie Barrett RIP Mary & Francis D'Souza in Thanksgiving Jill & Tony Smith RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Special Mass in the Parish Centre for our Senior Citizens
Sanctuary Lamp: Kurt Kosin RIP (Anniversary)		

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Sylvia D'Mello RIP, Breda Fowles RIP, Robert Kaczmarek RIP, Baby Raphael Antao RIP, Janos (John) Csaranko RIP, Jennifer Devereux RIP, Maureen Bridget Hoban RIP, Jeffrey Bullmore RIP, Walburga Shearer RIP and, Deacon Anthony Clark RIP.**

Baby Raphael Antao RIP – His Requiem Mass will take place here at **10.30am on Monday 29th January.**

Janos (John) Csaranko RIP – His Funeral Service will take place here at **12.45pm on Tuesday 30th January** followed by interment at Bedfont Cemetery.

Breda Fowles RIP – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday 31st January at 10.30am** followed by interment at Bedfont Cemetery.

Jennifer (Jenny) Devereux RIP – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Friday 2nd February at 11.00am** followed by committal at Hanworth Crematorium.

Sylvia D'Mello RIP – Her funeral details will be announced next week.

Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA/SANTIAGO – MAY 2024

We are unable to take any more bookings as the hotels in Portugal are extremely busy. Those who were on the waiting list I am afraid we cannot accommodate you at this time and apologise for any inconvenience.

PILGRIMAGES TO KNOCK AND FATIMA

Please see flyers on notice board re a Pilgrimage to Knock in March with Knock Pilgrimages and a pilgrimage to Fatima in June with A Day with Mary. They still have a few seats available.

UCM

Will meet on Monday 29th January in the Presbytery at 12.30pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

20-21 January: Loose: £1318.47 Envelopes: £201.02

Total: £1,519.89

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Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper also if it's a Donation, Baptism, etc.

